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Supreme Court Upholds Restricted Estate

No Absolute Ownership for Life Interest Under Hindu Succession Act

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The Supreme Court has clarified the limits of Section 14 of the Hindu Succession Act, 1956, ruling that a Hindu woman granted only a life interest in property cannot claim absolute ownership under Section 14(1). This decision solidifies the distinction between absolute ownership arising from pre-existing rights and the restricted estate defined under Section 14(2). The ruling arose from a dispute over 3.55 acres of land, where the defendants contended...

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